

SENATE BILL 905

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 2, Part 2, relative to local education
agency insurance plans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-209, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(___) Beginning July 1, 2009, each local school system's budget shall include a designation of a portion of the Basic Education Program medical insurance component to pay not less than thirty percent (30%) of premium costs for support or nonprofessional personnel employed by the school system and participating in the health insurance coverage offered by the board. Enrollment in the insurance plan shall be open to all eligible employees for at least two weeks during August 2009. The open enrollment period for eligible employees shall follow written notification to employees by the board of education of the medical insurance policy, coverage, enrollment opportunities, and costs.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to impair an insurance contract in existence on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.